

CHAPTER CCXXXVUI

SUTA said ;—Only one substantial thing there is amidst the
frivolities of life: Every thing here is but a show, a phantom,
the only real thing is the contemplation of Hari. He who
gives offerings of flowers or libations of water unto Hari by
reciting the Purusha Suktam, is supposed to worship and propitiate the universal god. He, who does not worship Vishnu,
who protects the universe like a mother, is guilty of the sin
of Brihmanicide. From Vishnu has emanated this universe,
by him this universe exists, and in him it will be merged
(at the time of dissolution). He, who does not meditate
upon the self of such Vishnu, shall be re-born as a worm in
the excreta. Yama, the lord of death, addresses a soul, under*
going punishment in hell, as " why have you not meditated
upon the destroyer of Keshi (Vishnu) in your life, why have
you not worshipped the deity, in your life, that, being propitiated with libations of water in the absence of
any other articles of offering, grants to his votary a residence in the
region over which he presides himself? One's own parents
or brothers do not do what Vishnu, propitiated with true
faith, does for him. The only way of propitiating Vishnu by
a man who is true to the duties of his own order is to worship
him with true faith. The offerings of flowers or perfumes

'are not more pleasing to Janlr dana than true,
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cated faith. The god Vishnu should be
pppitUted with
acts of obeisance, 'or with any other special
forms of
worship.